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SUBJECT: ALLON VISIT TO LONDON

1. FCO'S BLATHERWICK BRIEFED EMBOFF ON CONVERSATION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN LONDON EVENING JANUARY 12 BETWEEN ISRAELI FONMIN ALLON, PRIME MINISTER WILSON AND CALLAGHAN, AS FOLLOWS: ALLON

- A) EXPRESSED HIS ANGER AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 381;
- B) STATED THAT IF ANY UNSC RESOLUTION CHANGES SC RESES 242 AND 338, HE WOULD RECOMMEND ISRAEL WITHDRAW FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE; AND
- C) SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME ARGUING THAT THE UK SHOULD VOTE AGAINST ALLOWING THE PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

ALLON ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS A RISK OF SYRIA PRECIPITATING A NEW ROUND OF FIGHTING IN MAY.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER AND CALLAGHAN MADE A POINT OF MAKING NO COMMITMENTS TO ALLON ON HOW UK WOULD VOTE ON ANY DRAFT. CALLAGHAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN FLIRTING WITH THE IDEA OF FLOATING A MODERATE DRAFT RESOLUTION, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN CONVINCED BY THE USG THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE AN EXTREME ARAB RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE VETOED THAN A MODERATE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD
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STILL BE UNACCEPTABLE ENOUGH TO DRAW A VETO. CALLAGHAN

SUPPORTED THE OBJECTIVE OF GETTING THE ISSUE OUT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND BACK TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE MUST BE SOME MOVEMENT ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE IF THE SITUATION IS GOING TO BE HELD THIS YEAR BECAUSE "PALESTINE IS THE BOIL OF THE MIDDLE EAST," AND "ISRAEL SHOULD CONSIDER HOW BEST TO LANCE IT." RICHARDSON

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